Review of Civil Supplies Scheme

2308. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review about the success on Special Civil, Supplies Scheme in selected backward 117 block has been carried out;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) whether the scheme is proposed to be extended to other selected identified backward blocks in tribal areas in other states like Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Tripura, if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) After discussions at the 13th meeting of the Advisory Council on Public Distribution System (PDS) and subsequent meetings of Chief Ministers held in October, 1991, the Central Government, in consultation with the State Governments|U.T. Administrations, identified about 1700 Blocks covered by various area specific programmes such as Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP), Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDP) and certain Designated Hill Areas (DHA). The State Governments/U.T. Administrations were requested to open additional fair price shops in unserved/underserved areas issue additional ration cards to population left uncovered, create additional storage capacity in interior areas, make arrangements for delivery of PDS commodities at the door steps of the fair price shops, set up village|fair price shops level Vigilance Committees to monitor supply and distribution of food grains to consumers. Substantial progress has been made on various points above. Two million tonnes of foodgrains has been earmarked for allocation to States|U.Ts. for exclusive distribtion to the population living in these areas. Foodgrains for these identified Blocks are issued to States|UTs at Rs. fifty per quintal lower than the Central Issue Prices under normal PDS. Regular consultations are held with the State Governments officials. 223 Blocks in Madhya Pradesh, 84 Blocks in Gujarat and 18 Blocks in Tripura are included under the Revamped Public Distribution System.

Recommendatons of Technology Mission on oil-seeds

2309. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Technology Mission on Oil-seeds under the Ministry of Agriculture has given its consent to a proposal to allow trading in edible oils; and

(b) if so, what is the precise proposal thereof and what is Government's decision in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and

(b) In the current economic scenario, with its accent on liberalisation, the time tested instrument of futures trading is considered as an effeffctive instrument for price stabilisation. As a part of normal review of the demand, supply and price behaviour of various commodities, the Forward Markets Commission makes recommendations for commencing|resuming futures|forward trading in various commodities including edible oils etc. The views of the concerned Ministries are sought on the recommendations of the Forward Markets Commission. In the case of edible oils, the views of the Technology Mission on Oil Seeds have been received on the futures traing in edible oils and these are under consideration of this Ministry.

Selling of 'Cilcoke' through public Distribution System

2310. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to sell a new domestic fuel i.e. the smoke less 'Cilcoke' through the Public Distribution System in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The Central Government has no proposal for inclusion of 'Cilcoke' in the commodities sold through Public Distribution System. Efforts are being made to persuade the State Governments to come forward and popularise use of CILCOKE or domestic consumption.

2311. [Transferred to 19th March, 1993].

Alignment of Indian Standard with European Community

2312. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTSIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to align Indian standard with European Community;

(b) if so, what steps are being envisaged in this direction and by when such proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) what are the benefits that are likely to accrue from this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The Bureau of Indian Standards has already undertaken, as an ongoing activity, the harmonisation of Indian Standards with European Standards and EEC Directives and Regulations.

(c) It would improve the credibility of Indian products and thus promote exports to EEC countries.

Fire in Jharia coal fields

2313. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 185 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th December, 1992 and state:

(a) what are the details of damage and lose caused by these fires;